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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 8001

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, MAKU, GR, TU
SUBJECT: RUMOR OF GREEK INTEREST IN F-16 AIRCRAFT

1. WE HAVE HEARD FROM A NON-TURKISH SOURCE THAT THE GREEKS INTEND TO PURCHASE FORTY F-16 AIRCRAFT AND THAT THE GOG HAS INITIATED CONTACTS WITH GENERAL DYNAMICS IN THIS RESPECT. IF THIS REPORT IS ACCURATE, WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE TURKS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY FEEL THEY MUST HAVE F-16 OR SIMILAR AIRCRAFT, JUST AS THEY DID IN THE EARLY 1970 WHEN THE GREEKS MOVED TO ACQUIRE F-4. WHILE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES THE F-16 IS A POSSIBLE NEXT GENERATION OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FOR NATO FORCES, INCLUDING PERHAPS BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY IN THE MID-1980 AND BEYOND, COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS AT THIS TIME OVER ACQUIRING THE F-16 WOULD NOT, WE WOULD VENTURE, SERVE U.S. INTERESTS IN THIS AREA.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OR IN ATHENS REGARDING THE RUMORED GREEK PURCHASE OF F-16.
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